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Subject: Re: Preliminary comments on EPA Oversight Testimony (R2, 4, 6) on Response and Recovery to Environmental Concerns from the 2017 Hurricane Season
Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017 6:12:11 PM

Let's clear this up ASAP tomorrow morning. I don't think we tested flood waters (and made a conscious decision not to) but we did use Philis for Superfund site assessment and to do a quick sample of possible downwind Arkema contaminants detection in water 1.5 miles from the facility

Primary use was for superfund sites so I think the original statement is accurate.

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On Nov 12, 2017, at 2:05 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

I thought Phyllis did water samples from sf sites?

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On Nov 12, 2017, at 2:03 PM, Smith, Monica <smith.monica@epa.gov> wrote:

We collect samples at arkema. Aside from that we did not collect water samples in Texas in response to Harvey.

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On Nov 12, 2017, at 1:51 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

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I think the only flood water was one sample around the Arkema plant. Otherwise I believe it was stormwater and groundwater.

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On Nov 12, 2017, at 1:25 PM, Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov> wrote:

Ok. I can work on minor tone adjustments to address the OHS comments re: tone. Some minor suggestions from OMB look fine to me. I can send you a proposed revision, but I need to answer OMB Q re: whether PHILIS tested the flood waters and note in testimony. Current language:

Another EPA asset used was a mobile laboratory called PHILIS. The technical name for PHILIS is the Portable High-Throughput Integrated Laboratory Identification System. This mobile lab is capable of providing sample results with a 48-hour turnaround and was used to test water samples for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) associated

with assessing Superfund sites
and other response activities.
This proved to be invaluable in
an area that is devastated and
lacking in basic infrastructure.

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